



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 99,097)

In the Application of:

John W. Elling and Susan I. Bassett

Serial No.: 09/281,990

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For: Method and System for Artificial
Intelligence Directed Lead Discovery
In High Throughput Screening Data

Examiner: M. Sheinberg

Group Art Unit: 1631

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

REQUEST FOR A THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a three month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed June 6, 2002. Enclosed is a check covering the small entity fee of \$460.00 for this extension. A response is therefore due by December 4, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

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